

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 31824
Christopher Robert BEBBINGTON, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9929
Serial No.: 10/585,149 : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
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For: TRANSACTIVATION SYSTEM FOR MAMMALIAN CELLS

**DECLARATION OF PATRICIA A. BALERO IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents
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I, Patricia A. Balero, declare as follows:

1. I am a patent secretary with McDermott, Will & Emery LLP, counsel for Applicants in the above referenced Patent Application. I have knowledge of the following, and if called as a witness, could and would testify competently to the contents herein.
2. On or about August 2007, Andrew Kumamoto requested that I check on the status of the above referenced patent application.
3. In accordance with the Manual of Patent Examination Procedures Sections 203.08 and 1730, I reviewed the status of the above references patent application on Private PAIR. My review of Private PAIR showed that no action had been sent to applicants by the Patent Office. I informed Mr. Kumamoto that were still waiting for the Patent Office to act on this application after I reviewed the status information on Private PAIR.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed in Palo Alto, California on April 17, 2008.



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